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Miller, Mason Introduce Water Sustainability Act

Madison – Today Senator Mark Miller (D-Monona) and Representative Cory Mason (D-Racine) introduced the Water Sustainability Act.

Wisconsin is rich in water resources. Good water quality and quantity are essential to agriculture, recreation, industry, and quality of life. The Wisconsin Constitution ensures this resource belongs to all Wisconsin citizens.

We know that our water supplies are not infinite. In some parts of the state, over use of groundwater is drying up rivers and lakes. This bill would establish a way for all users of our resources to have sustainable access to our water ensuring that our rivers and lakes are available not just for today, but for future users as well.

“The goal of this legislation is to appropriately manage our water resources so the reasonable use doctrine is fully realized; that every person has a right to use water but not to the point where it threatens the water supply,” said Senator Miller.

Current laws and regulations are inadequate to protect the public resource and to reduce conflict.

“We have a responsibility to develop sustainable environmental policies that ensure our precious natural resources will be around for future generations. Businesses, homeowners, and municipalities all rely on groundwater resources to thrive in daily life,” added Representative Mason. “That’s a testament to the resource left to us by God and the glaciers. It’s incumbent upon us to be good stewards of our water and ensure our children can enjoy them too,” Mason concluded.

LRB 0995/1, the Water Sustainability Act, is circulating in the Legislature for co-sponsorship until Wednesday, February 25, 2015.

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